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Representing New York's 12th Congressional District  
Ranking Democrat, House Small Business Committee



## Nation Comes Together to Help City Rebuild

### Southwest Brooklyn mourns those lost, vows recovery

Dear Friends,

Last month's terrorist attacks on Manhattan and Washington shocked and changed us all. Not one of us remains unaffected by this deliberate tragedy. New Yorkers demonstrated the finest heroism and humanity during the direst hour. Thousands of you risked your lives to help others as smoke, ash and debris rained down from the World Trade

Center. Thousands more of you streamed into blood donation centers to meet an incredible demand. Your spirit and resilience make this country great. Together we will rebuild New York even greater than it was before.

I am working in Congress to make sure relief and recovery resources are available. I have introduced legislation called the Phoenix Fund, which will allow American taxpayers to donate part of their refund to a targeted trust account for disaster victims. On my urging, the Small Business Administration has opened several recovery workshops to provide a variety of services.

I encourage you to contact the SBA or FEMA for help if you have been affected economically. If your business is threatened or if you have lost your job as a result of the disaster, you may qualify for federal assistance. Psychological and volunteer resources are also available.

Now it is important to maintain unity and fight discrimination as we recover from this assault on our nation.



The terrorist attacks left a gaping hole in lower Manhattan.

## Disaster Assistance Now Available

### Loans, grants for homeowners, workers and businesses

The federal government provides loans and grants to help New Yorkers recover from last month's terrorist attacks. They are available not just for physical damage but also for economic damage to businesses and workers who lost jobs as a result of the disaster. Homeowners with damaged residences may also apply.

Call 1-800-659-2955 or 1-800-877-8339 (FRS) for the hearing- or speech-impaired or visit:

- ♦ Chinatown Community Center, 62 Mott St. (1/2 block south of Canal St.; Mon-Sun. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Canal St. M.T.A.: Q, W J, M, 4, 5, 6; Chinese language services available)
- ♦ Empire State Development Business Information Center, 633 Third Ave., 32<sup>nd</sup> floor, Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Grand Central Station M.T.A.)

- ♦ N.Y.C. Economic Development Center, 80 Pine St. (corner of Maiden Lane, Mon.-Sun. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fulton St.-Broadway-Nassau M.T.A.)
  - ♦ N.Y.C. Dept. of Business Services, 110 William St. (Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fulton St.-Broadway-Nassau M.T.A.)
  - ♦ Human Resources Admin. Bldg., 180 Water St. (Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Fulton St.-Broadway-Nassau M.T.A.)
  - ♦ 247 West 54<sup>th</sup> St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (Mon.-Sun. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; B-D-E @ 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. or 1-9 @ 50<sup>th</sup> St. M.T.A.)
- FEMA is moving from disaster response to recovery.

Victims are encouraged to call FEMA to register and learn more about the agency's services at 1-800-462-9029 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Sun. Those with speech- or hearing-impairment may call toll-free at TTY 1-800-462-7585.

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**Grants Awarded to Our Community**

Community School District 15.....\$7,338,813	Community School District 20.....\$7,199,505
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